

Board of Health
Regular Meeting
Sept 17, 2019
50 Evergreen Avenue
Somerville, MA 02145

Present:

Douglas Kress, Director
Brian Green, Board Chair
Robert Ciccio, Board Member

Absent:

Paula Machado, Board Member, excused

Guests: Kathleen Reilly, Arlington MA (student)

Meeting called to order by Chair Green 5:37pm

Previous Minutes: This item was postponed to the next meeting.

Air Particulates Discussion – this item was postponed due to scheduling conflict. This has been rescheduled to the November BoH, pending confirmation of speaker's availability.

Green noted this is a useful discussion to have a similar response across the city and to have a conversation about air quality. Ciccio agreed and added that the design is not within the scope of the BoH. The discussion on regulations should be about data on exposure and health risks and not making recommendation with limited knowledge and expertise on design.

Hearings/Variance requests:

None

Director's report

Kress provided an update/review of the current vaping issues and tobacco regulation news and legal status.

Kress emphasized the work is in early stages and provided background on the current status of other sites in US and explained sites had been opened in other countries, including Canada as Harm Reduction effort for the opioid public health crisis.

Kress indicated no rulings have been issued for the current tobacco legal cases in which the BoH is named.

Kress updated the BoH about staffing and open position within HHS, including Substance Use Prevention Coordinator and SomerPromise Director.

Chair Green made a motion to close the meeting at 6:37, second by Ciccio

Minutes submitted by D Kress